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FM AMCONSUL DURBAN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1729

INFO AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

AMCONSUL JOHANNESBURG

AMCONSUL LOURENCO MARQUES

AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN

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SUBJ; MORE PROBLEMS FOR DURBAN PORT

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1. DURBAN HARBOR WAS CLOSED TO SHIPS OVER WEEKEND DUE TO GALE FORCE WINDS, CAUSING THIRTY SHIPS TO WAIT IN OUTER ANCHORAGE. ALTHOUGH PORT NOW OPEN, FURTHER CONGESTION LIKELY DUE TO SOUTH AFRICAN CARGO USUALLY ROUTED THROUGH LOURENCO MARQUES BEING DIVERTED TO DURBAN BECAUSE OF DOCK STRIKE IN LOURENCO MARQUES.

2. IN OTHER BLOW TO S.A. TRADE, BANK LINE LTD. ANNOUNCED TWENTY PER CENT FREIGHT INCREASE EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1 BETWEEN SOUTH AFRICA AND FAR EAST PORTS FROM BANGKOK TO MANILA.

3. COMMENT: THIS RATE INCREASE IS IN ADDITION TO HEAVY CONGESTION AND BUNKER SURCHARGES ALREADY IMPOSED ON DURBAN. PORT OFFICIALS CONTINUE TO PROMISE RELIEF IN SIGHT BUT MOST EVIDENCE IS TO THE CONTRARY.

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